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1. WANG Jung-kuang (王榮光), magistrate of Paoan (113-56, 22-32), made a speech on 12 November stating the necessity for "liberating" Hong Kong.\* Previous speeches by WANG have hinted at the coming "liberation".
2. At Haohai and Chihwon, southwest of Paoan, there are new sandbag and trench positions facing the sea; there are similar preparations on the coast northeast of Hong Kong. No Soviet advisers are reported in the area.
3. The consensus in Hong Kong is that the Chinese Communists are preparing defense positions on the Kwangtung coast, and not an offensive campaign.
4. Lower-ranking authorities in Canton are agitating for the "liberation" of Hong Kong, or at least for the looting of warehouses, but the movement is believed to be sponsored by labor leaders deported from Hong Kong and does not necessarily indicate actual Communist policy.

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  Communist officials in Tungkuan  
and Paoan, bordering Hong Kong, have been telling the local populace that  
Hong Kong would be "liberated".

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